living on this side of the fence to the lands on the other side, there being at present only two openings to the south of Aramboly *viz.*, Ramasamudram and Punnakulam.

Reply.—Government have recently passed orders about the maintenance of this fence by the Excise Department instead of the Forest Department. There are four openings at present, one of them having been recently provided at the request of the inhabitants. Government think that these will suffice. It is neither possible nor desirable to shift the fence to the actual boundary line, especially as the cost would be prohibitive.

248. Restoration of Manamari tanks.

Mr. P. Nellayandar Pillai prayed for the restoration of Manamari tanks in Nanjanad.

Reply.—This has been already answered. *Vide* subject No. 130.

249. Water-supply to the Nagercoil town.

Mr. M. D. Daniel B. A., (T. I. C., Nagercoil) in whose name this subject stood was absent.

Reply.—This subject was brought up last year and was noted by Government. The project has been abandoned as it was not found feasible to bring down water from the Olakkayaruvi. When any other practicable scheme is suggested, it will be considered.

250. Provision of pasture grounds for cattle in the Nagercoil town.

This subject also stood in the name of *Mr. M. D. Daniel, B. A.*

Reply.—This has been answered as a general question. *Vide* subject No. 57.

251. Preparation of a skeleton map of the Nagercoil town.

This was another of the subjects of *Mr. M. D. Daniel, B. A.*

Reply.—Nothing can be said on this subject, as it is too vague and the member is absent.

252. Proper drainage for the Nagercoil town.

Mr. M. D. Daniel, B. A., was to have spoken on this subject also.

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Reply.—This has received the attention of the Town Improvement Committee and a sub-committee has been appointed to report on the matter. Government await their report.

253. Diversion of Kalathi Samban water.

Mr. K. S. Shanmukham Pillai (Agricultural Improvement Association, South Travancore) represented that this was a long pending matter and requested that it might be soon disposed of.

Reply.—The matter is under correspondence and will be disposed of as early as practicable.

254. Execution of irrigation works to divert water from the hilly tracts into the Alathurayar.

Mr. K. S. Shanmukhham Pillai said that the supply of water through the Alathurayar was at present not at all adequate to meet the demands of the numerous fields depending upon it for irrigation and this resulted in frequent failure of crops. He observed that a very large quantity of water falling in the hilly regions found its way along the Pazhayar to the sea without serving any useful purpose. This could be easily diverted so as to join the Alathurayar by the execution of a few irrigation works.

Reply.—If a separate representation on the subject is made, it will be referred to the Chief Engineer.

255. Ananthankulam caul extension.

Mr. K. S. Shanmukham Pillai said that this was another matter of interest to the agricultural population of Nanjanad, that is pending disposal.

Reply.—This matter is already under investigation by the Public Works Department.

256. Appointment of a full-time officer for land acquisition work in connection with the opening of the Tovala channel.

Mr. K. S. Shanmukham Pillai observed that the Special officer appointed for the acquisition of lands for the Tovala channel had been recently reverted to his former post and that it would be well to depute a full-time officer for that work again, as otherwise it could not be expected to be soon completed.

Reply.—The work as at present conducted seems to progress

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